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...Desterrado

Del septentrión, buscaba por las tardes

De Italia algún alivio de sus males

Y compuso la historia de su gente

Pasando de las fechas a la fabula.

Jorge Luis Borges: "Olaus Magnus (1490 - 1550)", 1976

#### BEHEMOTH:

● Loch Ness: In a book of essays, the Spanish ufologist Antonio Ribera mentions a landsighting I have never heard of before: in 1958, Mr. Macintosh observed Nessie crossing the road near Fort Augustus. (Galería de condenados, Planeta 1984, p.147) Ribera is also author of another collection of essays (El envés de la trama, Plaza y Janes 1987), which also has a chapter on the LNM (as well as on seaserpents and the Kraken). First mention of this supposed new land-sighting is in Ribera's: Existen los monstruos marinos? (Posada, Mexico 1974, p.116): at the end of 1958, James MacIntosh, an AA patrol, at daybreak, observed the LNM cross the street in front of his car. It was a rainy day, so he later found the monster's tracks in the mud. Sceptics said McIntosh had only seen a deer. Ribera's source is an article by William A. Nicholas: El Enigma de Loch Ness, in: Mundo Sumergido, Jan/Feb 1960). Witchell (LN Story, Lavenham 1976, p.97) mentions a similar sighting by an AA patrol (February 1959, by Hamish McKintosh, at Brackla), but only as a sighting of the monster in the water. I think that Nicholas got the facts wrong, who can solve the riddle?

● Landdragons: "Karma 7" (Nr.183, April 1988, p.55), Spanish occult mag, in a short paragraph of its forteen page, informs us that the Tatzelwurm is still seen regularly in the Alps, but gives no dates, places nor sources. "Creationist claims tooth found with dinosaur track is human", in: Pursuit 79, p.140. On fiery dragons in European Skies: Meteor, 2/1988, p.17, and Journal für UFO-Forschung, 2/1988, p.51-53, both articles by your editor.

● Bibliography: On the 1974 sighting of Ogopogo: OMNI (engl. edition), 1/1988, p.90. Californian lake monsters, in an excellent article, in the INFO Journal 54, p.16-18. Ghostlights and lakemonsters, in Journal für UFO-Forschung, 56 (2/88), p.38/39, by your editor.

#### ISIS:

● "Destino" (2/1988, p.54ff), a Spanish-language mag published in the states, has a good article by Malvin Kristus on mermaids. This mag is a bit like fate, the article fairly good, but contains no new information.

#### LEVIATHAN:

● Washington: This item is from Science Frontiers (Nr. 55, p.3, Jan-Feb 1988). In January 1984 J. N. Thompson was fishing in his kayak on the Spanish Banks about three-quarters of a mile off Vancouver, British Columbia, when a sea serpent surfaced some 100 to 200 ft away. It was 18 - 20 ft long and about two feet wide, with a "whitish tan throat and lower front" body. It had two small horns like a giraffe, and two 12 - 15 inches long floppy ears, a "somewhat pointed black snout" and seemed to be "uniquely streamlined for aquatic life" and swam "very efficiently and primarily by up and down rather than sideways wriggling motion." This seems to be one of the conventional mammalian sea serpents, but it's head is a mixture between the head of Heuvelman's (the horns) and Costello's (the ears) "longnecked".

● Barloy, in his "Enquete sur le serpent-de-mer et les animaux mystérieux" (Nr. 39, Jan 1988), which, in my lazyness, I use to call "Barloy's Newsletter", there is a short note about a sea serpent observed a Djibouti, quoted from "Calypso Log", Nr. 63, Nov 1987. I try to get more information.

● Bibliography: The Gate, Jan 1988, and Pursuit Nr.79, p.112, both reprint newspaper articles on the irkiuem. Lehn's refractiob hypothesis applied to the Norse legend of the Midgard serpent, a se serpent-like symbolic representation of the ocean: Walter Hansen: Asgard, Gustav Lübke Verlag, Bergish Gladbach 1985, p.104. In Fort's notes, reprinted in Pursuit 79, pp.142-144, mention of the Daedalus sea serpent (1848), and a "Monster snake", Mass(achusetts), in the London Times, 4. Jan 1849, p.7c - I need to check this. And finally, though out of place (had to appear under Behemoth): monster in lake Winnepesaukee, New Hamshie, in INFO 54, p.8; and giant sturgeon in Lake Washington near Kirkland, also INFO 54, p.24.

#### KRAKEN:

● monster jellyfish in UK (like most of the other items, already mentioned in BILK): Pursuit 79, p.141

#### USO:

● Galicia, Spain: "Karma 7" (8 and 9, 1986) has two articles about marine UFO sightings in Galicia. Numerous witnesses observed balls of light dive into or coming out of the ocean, in Sept. and Okt of 1985. Even big "mother ships" were reported. At the same time, and never connected with the UFOs, big hairy gorila-like creatures were seen in the province. (More European yetis in my article in INFO 54, p.26)

● Sweden: Sweden minister for defense, Roine Carlsson, has declared that unidentified subs will be attacked without prior warning. This would be applied to all foreign subs near the coast. Bengt Gustafsson, Supreme Commander of the army, made public that within the last six months, there had been 30 cases of foreign subs in Swedish waters. (El Pais, Madrid, 29. April 1988, and Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich, 30. April 1988, p.8c.

● Short Bits: A crew of the trawler "L'Echo de la Mer" caught a sub in their net in the Channell, it was identified as French. (Rheinpfalz, 8. March 1988) Mysterious lightwheels in tropical waters, in: Science frontiers, Nr. 55, p.3 & 4. Two UFOs over Inverness in 1848, in Fort's notes, in Pursuit 79 (These are also mentioned in Fort's Books.) A mysterious circular hole has been discovered in the ice cover of the Pite River, near Älsbyn in Norrboden, Sweden. Such holes have been discovered in Germany as well, and several times in the ice cover of Norwegian fjords. Usually UFOs are blames, sometimes Russian subs as well, but this one had a perfect natural explanation, it was created by river corrects (CENAP Report, Feb 1988, pp.21-25). On the Bermuda Triangles: Pursuit 79, p.141, and Journal für UFO Forschung, Nr. 2/1988, p.49, with a Russian observation.

#### CRYPTOZOOLGY:

● Yeti: Chris Bonington will search Tibet for the abominable snowman with the support of the Chinese government. He will also climb, for the first time, the 7150-metre Mount Melungtse. English scientist have told Bonington that what they need to be convinced that the yeti exists were "teeth, bones, hairs or a whole yeti". (Rheinpfalz, 12. April 88)

● Puma: Another German puma has been observed in the Saar Country. Several witnesses have observed a young puma in the surroundins of Saarlouis, Police officials, as usual, thinkit's an escaped pet. The last time a puma has been observed in the region was in summer 1983. (Rheinpfalz, 6 April 1988)

● Werwolve: A "wolfman" frightens villagers near Quito, in Ecuador. The creature is like a hirsute human, withclaws, and the general aspect of a wolf. He hides in vegetation, and hypnotized people with his ling tail. Police and local authorities regard the stories as fiction, while the villagers of Tambillo, Amaguaya, Sangolquí and San Rafael are convinced that the monster is a carpinter who transformed into an animal to "finf the son who sold his soul to the devil". Strange story, this. IDEAL (Granada, Spain), 25 April 1988, p.37.

BILK 23 will appear in July, your news and views are always welcome.